

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (New) A packaging machine with at least one working station which comprise an upper tool and a vertically displaceable lower tool, characterised in that the lower tool comprises several lifting devices arranged in the direction of run of a film web behind one another, whereby each lifting device comprises at least one drive means and lifting shafts, whereby the lifting shafts are arranged parallel to the direction of run of the film web.

9. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that one or more of the lifting devices comprises two drive means.

10. (New) A packaging machine with at least one working station which comprises an upper tool and a vertically displaceable lower tool, whereby the lower tool comprises several lifting devices arranged parallel to one another and/or a lifting device exhibits at least three lifting shafts, characterised in that a lifting device comprises two drive means.

11. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that the lifting devices are identical in design.

12. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that the lifting devices can be driven independently of one another.

13. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that the lifting devices can be controlled by a control unit.

14. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that each drive means interacts in each case with at least two lifting shafts.

15. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that the drive means of a lifting device work in opposed directions.

16. (New) The packaging machine according to claim 8, characterised in that beams, on which the lower tool is arranged, are arranged transverse to the direction of run of the film web.